



CATS March Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

4:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the CATS Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President deGeneres. President deGeneres led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dr. Peter Breaux	Member	Present
Carolyn Coleman	Member at Large	Absent
Melissa DeGeneres	President	Present
Patrick Downs	Secretary	Present
Johnathan Hill	Member	Present
Linda Perkins	Member	Present
Antoinette Pierre	Vice-President	Present
Frederick Thomas	Member	Absent
John Vukovics	Treasurer	Present

2. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

3. Approval of the February 28, 2023 Annual & February 28, 2023 Monthly Board Minutes– Ms. Melissa Degeneres

RESULT: ACCEPTED

MOVER: Perkins

SECONDER: Vukovics

YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

4. PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Melissa deGeneres

President DeGeneres noted the new meeting structure, times and assignments. The interim CEO evaluation will be sent out shortly. Commissioner Hill has agreed to chair the CEO search committee. Commissioner Vukovics will lead the by-laws review.

Approval of the appointment of John Vukovics as Treasurer

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: deGeneres
SECONDER: Perkins
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Executive Report by CATS Executive Staff was presented.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANY ACTION THEREON

1. Finance and Executive: Ms. Melissa deGeneres
 - Ms. deGeneres noted the minutes are in the packet.
2. Technical, Policies and Practices: Dr. Peter Breaux
 - No meeting was held.
3. Audit: Ms. Melissa DeGeneres
 - Ms. DeGeneres noted the minutes are in the packet.
4. Planning: Mr. Patrick Downs.
 - Mr. Downs noted the minutes are in the packet.
5. Community Relations: Ms. Linda Perkins
 - Ms. Perkins noted the minutes are in the packet.

7. Action Items

APPROVAL Consideration of approval of the Armed Security Services Contract NTE \$430,000.00

RESULT: ACCEPTED – NTE \$430,000.00
MOVER: Motion was approved in the F&E Committee Unanimously
SECONDER:
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL Consideration of approval of the MV Transportation Contract for 5 months and 25 days NTE \$1,127,284.00

RESULT: ACCEPTED – NTE \$1,127,284.00
MOVER: Vukovics
SECONDER: Downs
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL Consideration of approval of the 2022 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and authorization for Board officers to execute the Compliance Questionnaire

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Vukovics
SECONDER: Hill
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL Consideration of approval of suspending the rules for public comment

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Downs
SECONDER: Hill
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

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APPROVAL Consideration of approval extending the public comment for additional two minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Hill
SECONDER: Vukovics
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL Consideration of approval extending the public comment for additional two minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Pierre
SECONDER: Perkins
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL Consideration of approval extending the public comment for additional two minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED
MOVER: Downs
SECONDER: Perkins
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

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APPROVAL - Consideration of approval of the entering executive session. Items a and b on the agenda both deal with current pending litigation, and an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of CATS, I will entertain a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss these items. No action will be taken in the Executive Session.

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Executive Session Started 5:36 pm
MOVER: Hill
SECONDER: Perkins
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL – To end Executive Session.

RESULT: ACCEPTED – Executive Session Ended 5:48 pm
MOVER: Pierre
SECONDER: Downs
YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL – Authorizing settlement in the matter entitled "Quinntellas Green v. Capital Area Transit System, et al." Suit number C-703058 on the docket of the 19th JDC NTE \$50,000.00

RESULT: ACCEPTED – NTE \$50,000.00

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Perkins

YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

APPROVAL – Authorizing settlement in the matter entitled "Tyler Roberts v. Capital Area Transit System, et al." Suit number C-717018 on the docket of the 19th JDC

RESULT: ACCEPTED - NTE \$20,000.00

MOVER: deGeneres

SECONDER: Pierre

YEAS: Breaux, Downs, DeGeneres, Hill, Perkins, Pierre, Vukovics

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Coleman, Thomas

Adjournment
Perkins/Pierre